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Allendale	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Anderson	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Bamberg	DYS Reporting Form	Oct. '76 - June '77
Barnwell	Unavailable	
Beaufort	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Berkeley	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Calhoun	Unavailable	
Charleston	Annual Report	CY 1976
Cherokee	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Chester	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Chesterfield	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Clarendon	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Colleton	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Darlington	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Dillon	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Dorchester	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Edgefield	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Fairfield	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Florence	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Georgetown	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Greenville	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Greenwood	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Hampton	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Horry	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Jasper	DYS Reporting Form	Sept. '76 - June '77
Kershaw	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Lancaster	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Laurens	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Lee	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Lexington	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
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Newberry	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Oconee	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Orangeburg	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Pickens	DYS Reporting Form	July, August, Sept. '76, June '77
Richland	Annual Report	CY 1976
Saluda	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
Spartanburg	DYS Reporting Form	FY 1976-77
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INTRODUCTION

The Juvenile Justice System in South Carolina has long been hampered by the paucity of reliable data on which to base positive programming to serve the needs of those youth processed through the various parts of the system. For the most part, this can be directly attributed to the fact that the segments of the "system," consisting of law enforcement, jail detention, courts and juvenile facilities, operate in a non-cohesive manner, each functioning autonomously within its own jurisdiction. Therefore, not only has data been difficult to retrieve, but analyzation of the total system impossible to attain.

During the past several years, advances have been made to increase this working base of information. The Uniform Crime Report now provides data available quarterly with regard to juveniles taken into custody from all reporting agencies in South Carolina in terms of the age, race, sex and offense distributions of the youths processed. The Department of Youth Services, through its data processing system, has endeavored to maintain up-to-date records of all youth processed through its facilities. In addition, this Agency's Research Unit has been compiling detailed state-wide reports on juvenile detention in cooperation with all facilities who hold juveniles in jail. All of these processes have served to greatly broaden base line data related to "juveniles in trouble," pursuant not only to evaluating the present juvenile justice system and the correlation between its various components, but as a vital step in formulating appropriate planning.

This report on juveniles processed through the courts of the various counties in South Carolina for FY 1977 reflects a further effort in the investigation of another area of information in the State juvenile justice system and represents an update to the first compilation of such court data promulgated last year by the Research and Evaluation Section of the South Carolina Department of Youth Services.

Basically, it reflects a synthesis of the second year's reports from the court reporting system initiated in Fiscal Year 1976 with the cooperation of most of the courts who process juveniles. While complete individual county reports with tables are not provided this year, a summary sheet for each county is included and the statewide tables are more detailed for each county, so that all information pertaining to a particular county is accessible. The table of contents also cites the source of the data for each county as well as the time frame upon which the report is based. It will be noted that while two courts who did not participate contributed their own annual reports and five counties have only partial data, only two counties did not make any information available.

This DYS reporting system has continued through FY 1978 and that fiscal year report will be completed shortly. While it must be recognized that the monthly reports have been completed by the courts themselves and, therefore, are subject to various discrepancies inherent in individual reporting methodologies, nevertheless, they should provide, in aggregate, a reasonable estimate of the statewide incidence involving juveniles processed through the courts in South Carolina. The separate categories analyzed for FY 1977 have been more refined than previous reporting and correspondingly, this report should reflect increased validity as well as more detailed distributions, particularly regarding status offenders, recidivism and abuse and neglect for which more complete data now has become available.

Hopefully, the new reporting system initiated by Juvenile Placement and Aftercare for FY 1979 in conjunction with their intake and probation responsibilities should result in a more comprehensive report next year since it will be based on an individual tracking system. All of these combined efforts should certainly contribute heavily to advancing the state of knowledge of this most crucial component of the Juvenile Justice System - The Courts.

ANALYZATION OF STATEWIDE DATA

The analyzation of the individual county court reports which reflect a total state perspective obviously must be qualified first by noting certain discrepancies or limitations in the data base. As mentioned previously, there are inconsistencies apparent in the reporting methodology of each court even with uniform court reporting forms utilized. For instance, several courts only accounted for neglect and abuse cases in the referral load and not in the separate forms provided for that category, so that some data in this area is limited. Similarly, some courts processed juvenile traffic cases and others did not, thereby creating load differentials. Furthermore, the numbers of referrals to the court by source differed from those by age, race and sex since the former could account for one child at intake more than once during the month; therefore, the most accurate measure of individual youth processed was considered to be those recorded by age, race, and sex and is interpreted as such in this report. Additionally, the validity of the interpretation of data is somewhat hindered by the fact that less than a total year's data was accessible from several courts even with constant monitoring. However, in most of these cases, sufficient time frames were available to provide a reasonable estimate of a total year's figures as extrapolated from the available data. Finally, two court reports that were not based on the DYS uniform system are recorded for the calendar year 1976 and two courts did not submit any reports. Nevertheless, the availability of similar categorical information for a total year's processing from thirty-nine (39) counties and partial data from five (5) counties at least constitutes a base for which reasonable interpretation is possible.

Of the thirty-nine (39) counties for whom total year reports are available, thirty-seven (37) were utilizing the DYS uniform monthly court reporting form and

the data reflects FY 1976-1977. Two (2) courts, Charleston and Richland, submitted their own yearly reports, basically for calendar year 1976. In addition, five (5) counties submitted reports for some portion of the year (Bamberg, 8 mos.; Jasper 10 mos.; Pickens, 4 mos.; Union, 3 mos.; and Marlboro, 1 mo.). The extrapolation of this partial data to represent a total year's figures is well within the limits of probability since the analyzation of full year's reports reveals that in the majority of cases, six-months' figures represent approximately 48% of total numbers. Since participation was voluntary, it is creditable to the fine cooperation of the courts and persistent monitoring by Research staff that a vast majority of the reports were completed and received.

Within this framework, therefore, it can be estimated as a reasonable approximation that well over 17,000 juveniles were referred to the courts of South Carolina for FY 1977 (excluding two unreporting counties which, because of their small size, would not basically affect this estimate).

This figure includes both those referred on delinquency charges as well as for neglect and abuse. It can be noted from Table I which reflects the distributions for both categories reported by the courts that the neglect and abuse cases constitute a minimal proportion so that even delinquency cases alone account for about 17,000 youth. Most significantly, this number reveals a concurrence with that approximation for FY 1976 in last year's report indicating an apparent static situation in the numbers of youth referred to the court during that two year time frame. The heaviest concentration in numbers occurred in Charleston, Spartanburg, Greenville, Richland, Anderson, and Lexington, respectively, since these are major population areas. However, it will be noted that this does not correspond to those areas referring to court the largest segments of their juvenile population - Clarendon, Union, Kershaw, Beaufort, Colleton, Lexington, and Chester. Most of these counties also reflected the highest rates for FY 1976, although Clarendon and Union in particular exhibit an extremely disproportionate rate this year

TABLE I
JUVENILES REFERRED TO SOUTH CAROLINA
COURTS BY COUNTY*

County	Court	No. of Juveniles			1976 Est. Juv. Pop. 7-16	Percent of Estimated Population Referred	
		Delinquency	Neglect & Abuse**	Total		Delinquency	All Referrals
Abbeville	Probate	80	-	80	3,776	2.12	2.12
Aiken	Family	601	123	724	18,460	3.26	3.92
Allendale	Probate	23	2	25	1,943	1.18	1.29
Anderson	Family	963	59	1,022	19,429	4.96	5.26
Bamberg	Probate	33 (25, 8 mos.)	-	33	3,317	.99	.99
Barnwell	Probate	-	-	-	3,533	-	-
Beaufort	Family	572	4	576	9,779	5.85	5.89
Berkeley	Probate	367	56	423	14,702	2.50	2.88
Calhoun	Family	-	-	-	2,323	-	-
Charleston	Family	2,404	104	2,508	49,770	4.83	5.04
Cherokee	Family	147	-	147	7,117	2.06	2.06
Chester	Family	312	5	317	5,823	5.36	5.44
Chesterfield	Probate	103	-	103	7,049	1.46	1.46
Clarendon	Probate	573	-	573	5,822	9.84	9.84
Colleton	Family	333	2	335	5,870	5.67	5.71
Darlington	Probate	228	-	228	11,109	2.05	2.05
Dillon	Probate	11	-	11	6,603	.17	.17
Dorchester	Probate	198	4	202	7,345	2.70	2.75
Edgefield	Family	87	-	87	3,332	2.61	2.61
Fairfield	Family	65	-	65	4,251	1.53	1.53
Florence	Family	480	-	480	18,374	2.61	2.61
Georgetown	Probate	136	-	136	7,343	1.85	1.85
Greenville	Family	1,197	25	1,222	45,408	2.64	2.69
Greenwood	Family	318	1	319	9,378	3.39	3.40
Hampton	Probate	48	-	48	3,232	1.48	1.48
Horry	Family	270	-	270	14,084	1.92	1.92
Jasper	Probate	31 (26, 10 mos.)	-	31	2,601	1.19	1.19
Kershaw	Family	431	39	470	6,915	6.23	6.80
Lancaster	Family	394	-	394	8,754	4.50	4.50

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County	Court	No. of Juveniles			1976 Est. Juv. Pop. 7-16	Percent of Estimated Population Referred	
		Delinquency	Neglect & Abuse**	Total		Delinquency	All Referrals
Laurens	Family	303	4	307	9,068	3.34	3.38
Lee	Probate	62	3	65	4,169	1.49	1.56
Lexington	Family	862	153	1,015	18,493	4.66	5.49
McCormick	Family	24	-	24	1,756	1.37	1.37
Marion	Probate	83	7	90	6,023	1.38	1.49
Marlboro	Probate	1 (1 mo.)	-	1	6,044	.02	.02
Newberry	Probate	76	18	94	5,069	1.50	1.85
Oconee	Family	349	3	352	7,703	4.53	4.57
Orangeburg	Family	346	-	346	14,591	2.37	2.37
Pickens	Civil	213 (71, 4 mos.)	-	213	10,227	2.08	2.08
Richland	Family	1,051	100	1,151	39,262	2.68	2.93
Saluda	Family	66	1	67	2,872	2.30	2.33
Spartanburg	Family	1,533	-	1,533	32,370	4.74	4.74
Sumter	Family	562	-	562	17,744	3.17	3.17
Union	County	544 (136, 3 mos.)	-	544	5,551	9.80	9.80
Williamsburg	Probate	86	-	86	7,699	1.12	1.12
York	Family	399	-	399	16,436	2.43	2.43
TOTAL		16,965 (with projections)	713	17,678	512,519	3.31	3.45
TOTAL		16,402 (without projections)	713	17,115	512,519	3.20	3.34

*Based on children recorded in the age, race and sex distribution for FY 1977, except for Charleston and Richland Family Court figures, which derive from their Annual Reports, calendar year 1976. Marlboro Probate handled juveniles during only one month of the fiscal year and therefore accounted for only one referral during the period.

**The total of 713 neglected or abused children includes 264 incidences recorded by six courts in conjunction with delinquency offense data, as well as 315 cases (involving 449 youth) recorded on separate forms by twenty courts over a period ranging from 1 - 11 months and analyzed in detail at the conclusion of this report. All data is partial and should in no way be construed as an accurate measure of the neglect and abuse problem in South Carolina.

of almost 10%. The percentage of juvenile population referred to court for the State from all the counties averages about 3.34% and also closely corresponds to the FY year 1976 rate of 3.43%. (See Table I.)

The examination of the frequency of referrals by month in Table II and Figure I reveals that generally more referrals are perpetuated during the first six months of the year for most counties (52% for the State), although the two six month periods differ very little cumulatively. February and March reflect the heaviest loads with October accounting also for a sizeable number. This pattern is amazingly consistent with that noted for FY 1976.

The data on source of referral for the State in Table III indicates that law enforcement agencies were by far the most frequent referring agency to the court, averaging 56.85% of all referrals statewide. They may be compared to the figure of 57% noted in the report for FY 1976 again exhibiting a close parallel in the data compiled for both years. In five (5) counties, however, Chester, Edgefield, Georgetown, Oconee, and Saluda, the school accounted for the greatest number, and in Richland and Lexington, individual other referrals.

The data in Table IV on race and sex was available from all the reporting counties with the exception of Richland, and only Richland and Charleston did not provide input on the age distribution. On this base of 15,515 youth actually reported by race and sex for the State as a whole, 10,018 or almost 65% were white and 5,497 or 35% were black. These proportions may be compared to the 60% white and 40% black distributions indicated in the report for FY 1976 as well as to those of the estimated total juvenile population of the State between seven and sixteen (63% white, 37% black). In terms of sex, 11,518 or 74.24% were male and 3,997 or 25.76 female, corresponding very closely to the FY 1976 distributions of 75% male and 25% female, while varying from the State juvenile population nearly even proportions. With respect to age, of those 13,007 actually reported for the State, age 16 accounted for the greatest number (almost 34%) followed by age 15, with those two age groups representing almost 59% of all referrals.

TABLE II
SOUTH CAROLINA DELINQUENCY REFERRALS TO COURT*
BY MONTH AND COUNTY

County	Court	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July-Dec. No. %	Jan.-June No. %	Total Year
Abbeville	Probate	12	8	5	3	9	4	1	11	7	5	14	2	41 50.6	40 49.4	81
Aiken	Family	43	85	42	52	26	43	48	49	64	71	70	44	291 45.7	346 54.3	637
Allendale	Probate	3	2	0	0	2	0	4	3	1	5	2	0	7 31.8	15 68.2	22
Anderson	Family	44	73	83	106	65	89	73	69	131	87	77	66	460 47.8	503 52.2	963
Bamberg	Probate	-	-	-	-	2	1	10	1	2	1	2	0	3 15.8	16 84.2	19
Barnwell	Probate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Beaufort	Family	28	41	59	94	107	53	49	57	82	60	50	47	382 52.5	345 47.5	727
Berkeley	Probate	23	21	16	23	32	33	35	15	40	29	56	44	148 40.3	219 59.7	367
Calhoun	Family	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charleston	Family	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cherokee	Family	9	16	9	25	12	5	6	13	11	10	17	17	76 50.7	74 49.3	150
Chester	Family	26	30	29	31	35	39	14	45	22	10	6	11	190 63.8	108 36.2	298
Chesterfield	Probate	11	6	9	9	9	10	8	8	5	9	12	7	54 52.4	49 47.6	103
Clarendon	Probate	31	61	50	65	42	51	65	51	50	39	51	9	300 53.1	265 46.9	565
Colleton	Family	7	6	22	29	19	21	35	37	44	49	43	22	104 31.1	230 68.9	334
Darlington	Probate	7	6	18	25	20	29	27	23	26	21	21	8	105 45.4	126 54.5	231
Dillon	Probate	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	2 25.0	6 75.0	8
Dorchester	Probate	7	6	13	11	12	19	12	29	20	6	42	21	68 34.3	130 65.7	198
Edgefield	Family	2	6	0	9	7	16	9	5	15	1	8	9	40 46.0	47 54.0	87
Fairfield	Family	5	7	3	4	3	1	3	11	7	10	7	3	23 35.9	41 64.1	64
Florence	Family	34	38	50	46	45	31	37	30	38	57	35	43	244 50.4	240 49.6	484
Georgetown	Probate	2	2	4	7	14	22	23	9	23	15	13	2	51 37.5	85 62.5	136
Greenville	Family	125	154	110	85	80	54	77	132	109	96	105	121	608 48.7	640 51.3	1,248
Greenwood	Family	37	17	25	25	20	22	24	38	42	25	21	23	146 45.8	173 54.2	319
Hampton	Probate	4	3	7	10	3	2	2	1	7	3	5	1	29 60.4	19 39.6	48
Horry	Family	24	22	16	24	15	9	30	30	20	18	34	27	110 40.9	159 59.1	269
Jasper	Probate	-	-	6	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	2	3	15 57.7	11 42.3	26
Kershaw	Family	33	34	45	39	47	39	34	20	39	35	30	36	237 55.0	194 45.0	431
Lancaster	Family	26	49	53	48	25	28	39	41	33	26	6	18	229 58.4	163 41.6	392
Laurens	Family	22	18	18	19	47	24	24	27	29	29	17	28	148 49.0	154 51.0	302

TABLE II
SOUTH CAROLINA DELINQUENCY REFERRALS TO COURT*
BY MONTH AND COUNTY

County	Court	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July-Dec. No. %	Jan.-June No. %	Total Year
Lee	Probate	2	2	2	4	4	8	6	11	6	1	12	6	22 34.4	42 65.6	64
Lexington	Family	87	61	65	87	84	66	64	53	91	102	64	61	450 50.8	435 49.2	885
McCormick	Family	1	4	0	3	0	1	0	8	2	0	0	5	9 37.5	15 62.5	24
Marion	Probate	1	6	3	6	2	6	5	26	11	10	6	0	24 29.3	58 70.7	82
Marlboro	Probate	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 100.0	0 0	1
Newberry	Probate	11	3	3	13	3	7	5	5	5	3	9	9	40 52.6	36 47.4	76
Oconee	Family	22	30	27	34	29	14	25	39	43	36	30	18	156 45.0	191 55.0	347
Orangeburg	Family	28	21	42	24	30	20	38	46	29	33	23	14	165 47.4	183 52.6	348
Pickens	Civil	11	9	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	-	37 51.4	35 48.6	72
Richland	Family**	22	56	51	33	61	38	43	52	62	34	36	45	261 49.0	272 51.0	533
Saluda	Family	1	2	0	5	11	3	4	9	8	6	5	12	22 33.3	44 66.7	66
Spartanburg	Family	97	155	103	175	97	153	114	225	158	118	73	54	780 51.2	742 48.8	1,522
Sumter	Family	35	44	54	46	52	33	66	42	47	39	62	46	264 46.6	302 53.4	566
Union	County	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	55	32	0 0	137 100.0	137
Williamsburg	Probate	5	4	2	13	8	8	8	6	5	6	8	13	40 46.5	46 53.5	86
York	Family	29	39	31	38	36	26	40	31	38	36	46	9	199 49.9	200 50.1	399
TOTAL (43 courts)		918 (6.7%)	1147 (8.4%)	1092 (8.0%)	1274 (9.3%)	1118 (8.1%)	1032 (7.5%)	1111 (8.1%)	1309 (9.5%)	1375 (10.0%)	1193 (8.7%)	1211 (8.8%)	937 (6.8%)	6581 48.0	7136 52.0	13,717

*By actual number recorded according to court report. Use of "0" in the table indicates that the court reported 0 for the month. Use of a dash (-) indicates no report received. Partial data: Bamberg (8 mos.), Jasper (10 mos.), Pickens (4 mos.), Union (3 mos.).

**Based on calendar year 1976 docketed petitions only.

FIGURE 1
SOUTH CAROLINA DELINQUENCY REFERRALS TO COURT
BY MONTH

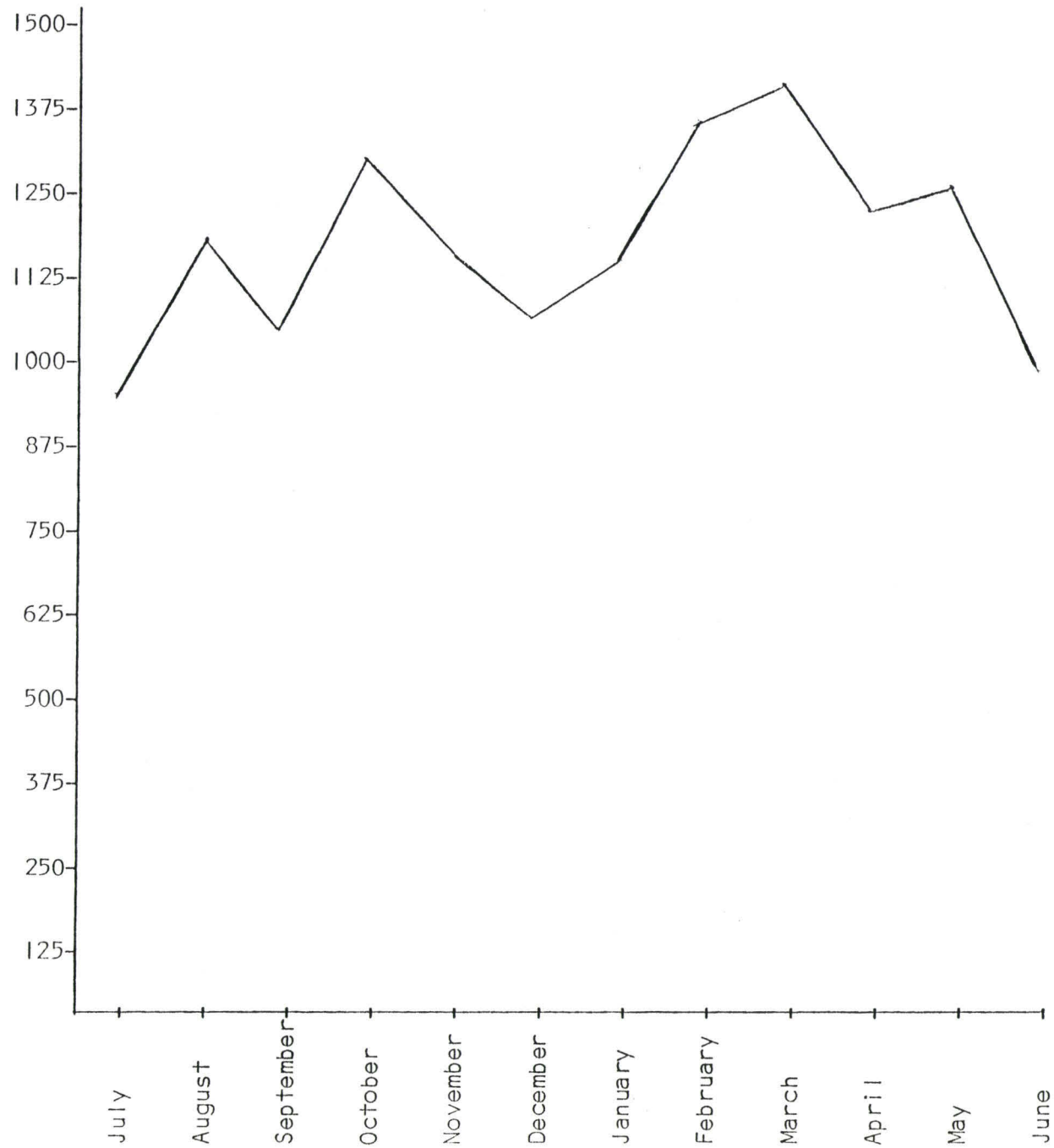


TABLE III
JUVENILE REFERRALS TO SOUTH CAROLINA COURTS
BY COUNTY AND SOURCE OF REFERRAL*

County	Court	Law Enforcement	%	Parent	%	School	%	Other	%	Total	Partial Data
Abbeville	Probate	80	98.77	1	1.23	0	0	0	0	81	8 mos.
Aiken	Family	412	64.68	129	20.25	54	8.48	42	6.59	637	
Allendale	Probate	19	86.36	1	4.55	2	9.09	0	0	22	
Anderson	Family	413	42.89	182	18.90	198	20.56	170	17.65	963	
Bamberg	Probate	9	47.37	9	47.37	1	5.26	0	0	19	
Barnwell	Probate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Beaufort	Family	512	70.43	72	9.90	48	6.60	95	13.07	727	
Berkeley	Probate	215	51.68	98	23.56	0	0	103	24.76	416	
Calhoun	Family	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Charleston**	Family	1,623	64.50	388	15.50	-	-	497	19.80	2,508	
Cherokee	Family	79	52.67	22	14.67	14	9.33	35	23.33	150	10 mos.
Chester	Family	87	29.19	38	12.75	97	32.55	76	25.50	298	
Chesterfield	Probate	85	82.52	18	17.48	0	0	0	0	103	
Clarendon	Probate	487	86.19	46	8.14	12	2.12	20	3.54	565	
Colleton	Family	111	33.23	32	9.58	99	29.64	92	27.54	334	
Darlington	Probate	110	47.62	46	19.91	61	26.41	14	6.06	231	
Dillon	Probate	8	100.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Dorchester	Probate	116	64.80	34	18.99	11	6.15	18	10.06	179	
Edgefield	Family	32	36.78	5	5.75	47	54.02	3	3.45	87	
Fairfield	Family	41	64.06	8	12.50	5	7.81	10	15.63	64	
Florence	Family	247	51.03	45	9.30	76	15.70	116	23.97	484	10 mos.
Georgetown	Probate	25	18.38	22	16.18	85	62.50	4	2.94	136	
Greenville	Family	1,148	91.99	1	.08	62	4.97	37	2.96	1,248	
Greenwood	Family	194	60.81	16	5.02	48	15.05	61	19.12	319	
Hampton	Probate	31	64.58	15	31.25	0	0	2	4.17	48	
Horry	Family	178	66.17	43	15.99	3	1.12	45	16.73	269	
Jasper	Probate	16	61.54	7	26.92	0	0	3	11.54	26	
Kershaw	Family	259	59.13	94	21.46	30	6.85	55	12.56	438	
Lancaster	Family	211	53.83	52	13.27	77	19.64	52	13.27	392	
Laurens	Family	186	61.59	65	21.52	36	11.92	15	4.97	302	
Lee	Probate	28	41.79	19	28.36	15	22.39	5	7.46	67	
Lexington	Family	249	28.14	164	18.53	80	9.04	392	44.29	885	

TABLE III

JUVENILE REFERRALS TO SOUTH CAROLINA COURTS
BY COUNTY AND SOURCE OF REFERRAL*

County	Court	Law Enforcement	%	Parent	%	School	%	Other	%	Total	Partial Data
McCormick	Family	11	45.83	4	16.67	8	33.33	1	4.17	24	
Marion	Probate	48	58.54	5	6.10	24	29.27	5	6.10	82	
Marlboro	Probate	1	100.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Newberry	Probate	57	75.00	9	11.84	4	5.26	6	7.89	76	
Oconee	Family	115	33.14	64	18.44	128	36.89	40	11.53	347	
Orangeburg	Family	153	44.00	48	13.80	38	10.90	109	31.30	348	
Pickens	Civil	59	81.90	10	13.90	3	4.17	0	0	72	4 mos.
Richland**	Family	147	27.53	30	5.63	20	3.75	336	63.04	533	
Saluda	Family	24	35.80	4	6.00	32	47.80	7	10.40	67	
Spartanburg	Family	691	45.40	212	13.93	131	8.61	488	32.06	1,522	
Sumter	Family	349	61.66	117	20.67	77	13.60	23	4.06	566	
Union	County	74	54.01	15	10.95	6	4.38	42	30.66	137	3 mos.
Williamsburg	Probate	50	58.14	23	26.74	2	2.33	11	12.79	86	
York	Family	258	64.66	59	14.79	64	16.04	18	4.51	399	
TOTAL		9,248	56.85	2,272	13.97	1,698	10.44	3,048	18.74	16,266	

*Actual number recorded by the courts for fiscal year 1977, except as noted below. The great majority are delinquency referrals although a total of approximately 60 neglect and abuse cases were incorrectly included in the raw data from Berkeley, Kershaw, Lee and Saluda Counties. Dashes (-) indicate data was unavailable. Zeroes (0) indicate zero reported in a given category.

**Based on calendar year 1976, courts annual report. Source of referral on the Richland County Family Court Report is given on docketed petitions only.

TABLE IV
AGE, RACE, AND SEX DISTRIBUTION
OF JUVENILE REFERRALS TO SOUTH CAROLINA COURTS BY COUNTY*

County	Court	W/M	W/F	B/M	B/F	Total	10 & under	11	12	13	14	15	16	Total	Partial Data
Abbeville	Probate	46	6	28	0	80	0	2	9	4	9	15	41	80	8 mos.
Aiken	Family	340	139	86	36	601	37	15	42	67	94	144	202	601	
Allendale	Probate	8	6	7	2	23	0	0	0	1	5	5	12	23	
Anderson	Family	566	197	159	41	963	34	28	65	121	197	266	252	963	
Bamberg	Probate	13	1	8	3	25	0	0	0	2	2	11	10	25	
Barnwell	Probate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Beaufort	Family	266	122	133	51	572	17	13	28	54	100	137	223	572	
Berkeley	Probate	251	133	27	5	416	47	13	17	48	75	80	136	416	
Calhoun	Family	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Charleston	Family	1,080	364	813	246	2,508	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cherokee	Family	79	21	33	14	147	14	6	9	15	30	25	48	147	10 mos.
Chester	Family	121	42	105	44	312	24	12	18	27	69	61	101	312	
Chesterfield	Probate	50	12	36	5	103	3	3	9	12	9	21	46	103	
Clarendon	Probate	134	51	350	38	573	24	28	50	61	95	95	220	573	
Colleton	Family	129	38	126	40	333	13	9	16	28	49	89	129	333	
Darlington	Probate	89	26	90	23	228	5	2	7	34	47	70	63	228	
Dillon	Probate	3	0	7	1	11	0	1	0	2	2	2	4	11	
Dorchester	Probate	131	47	8	12	198	5	2	8	9	35	59	80	198	
Edgefield	Family	16	8	53	10	87	7	3	3	7	12	26	29	87	
Fairfield	Family	29	7	19	10	65	0	0	1	13	6	16	29	65	
Florence	Family	197	76	150	57	480	17	13	33	56	103	107	151	480	4 mos.
Georgetown	Probate	38	13	44	41	136	15	0	10	13	12	46	40	136	
Greenville	Family	625	110	391	71	1,197	35	29	57	119	216	328	413	1,197	
Greenwood	Family	195	28	72	23	318	16	5	19	18	35	70	155	318	
Hampton	Probate	17	14	14	3	48	1	0	4	7	7	17	12	48	
Horry	Family	124	51	75	20	270	4	4	11	29	41	89	92	270	
Jasper	Probate	14	10	2	0	26	0	0	1	8	5	4	8	26	
Kershaw	Family	245	98	61	34	438	17	14	10	23	79	126	169	438	
Lancaster	Family	195	79	90	30	394	23	14	28	26	45	122	136	394	
Laurens	Family	137	69	72	25	303	12	7	24	33	53	82	92	303	
Lee	Probate	13	7	36	9	65	12	2	5	11	3	13	19	65	3 mos.
Lexington	Family	573	214	49	26	862	29	23	41	74	165	225	305	862	
McCormick	Family	7	1	10	6	24	2	0	0	1	2	2	17	24	
Marion	Probate	17	5	46	15	83	7	6	13	9	13	20	15	83	
Marlboro	Probate	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
Newberry	Probate	22	12	31	11	76	11	5	4	9	18	12	17	76	
Oconee	Family	226	90	20	13	349	18	16	20	33	53	74	135	349	
Orangeburg	Family	72	30	187	57	346	23	15	26	44	70	84	84	346	
Pickens	Civil	49	17	5	0	71	1	3	1	3	16	16	31	71	
Richland	Family	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Saluda	Family	19	8	27	13	67	10	3	4	11	7	17	15	67	3 mos.
Spartanburg	Family	740	302	342	149	1,533	89	50	95	134	249	377	539	1,533	
Sumter	Family	179	79	207	97	562	66	19	53	73	91	113	147	562	
Union	County	68	30	23	15	136	2	1	10	6	25	32	60	136	
Williamsburg	Probate	20	12	42	12	86	4	3	5	7	11	32	24	86	
York	Family	216	83	69	31	399	28	19	27	49	78	103	95	399	
TOTAL**		7,360	2,658	4,158	1,339	15,515	672	388	783	1,301	2,234	3,233	4,396	13,007	
Percentage		47.43	17.13	26.80	8.63	100.00	5.17	9.0	27.18	24.86	33.85	100.00			

White: 10,018 or 64.57% Male: 11,518 or 74.24%
Black: 5,497 or 35.43% Female: 3,997 or 25.76%

*Race and sex distribution reported by 43 courts, age distribution by 42 courts. All data based on FY 1977 except Charleston and Richland, where figures derive from the Courts' 1976 Annual Reports.

These figures indicate about a 3% heavier concentration in the 16 year old age group over FY 1976.

Forty-two (42) of the counties provided data on offenses for youths referred on delinquency charges. Since many of these offenses were multiple, it is noted in Table V that a total of 17,606 offenses were recorded. Of the total, about 28% were status, incorporating all charges of 1) ungovernable, 2) runaway, 3) truancy, 4) liquor law violation, and 5) other-status. This may be compared to the 29% estimation for status offenses in the FY 1976 report. Although the rate of status to non-status offenses varied greatly from county to county, in only three (3) small counties (Georgetown, Lee and Saluda) was the proportion greater for status offenses.

The most frequent status offense by the individual county was "truancy", followed by "ungovernable" and "runaway". In total numbers statewide, this same pattern was indicated with 35% of the status offenses being attributable to truancy, 32% to ungovernable and 27% to runaway. This frequency pattern of status offenses for the counties also is repetitive of that indicated by the data compiled for FY 1976.

For the non-status offenses, comprising 72% of all offenses recorded, "larceny" and "breaking and entering" accounted for the most frequent offenses for each county as well as by the greatest numbers for the State as a whole, representing over 36% of the 12,622 non-status offenses recorded. This is also consistent with the data reported for FY 1976.

A further examination of offense data statewide is provided by Table V-A detailing categories of offenses. Although the range of difference between the proportions in the three categories is rather small, it is apparent that the greatest percentage (37%) of offenses occurs in the "other non-status offenses," comprised of drugs, traffic, probation violation and other followed by "serious non-status offenses" (about 35%), with "status offenses" representing the lowest

TABLE V
DELINQUENCY OFFENSES OF JUVENILES REFERRED
TO SOUTH CAROLINA COURTS BY COUNTY*

County	Court	Offense Number (See Code)																																				Subtotal		Subtotal		Total
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7**	8**	9**	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22*	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35**	36	Status	%	Non-Status	%	
Abbeville	Probate	5	14	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	51	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	2.3	84	99.0	16
Aiken	Family	67	63	15	46	18	45	78	94	59	35	2	11	18	0	5	1	0	6	13	0	126	6	19	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	8	237	31.2	498	67.8	735
Allendale	Probate	5	5	0	0	1	0	2	2	2	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	6	22.2	21	77.8	27	
Anderson	Family	73	72	31	61	31	73	106	156	144	25	13	30	28	1	1	0	0	8	4	0	20	67	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	473	49.1	490	50.9	963
Bamberg**	Probate	7	1	1	0	0	0	6	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	34.8	15	65.2	24	
Barrow	Probate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Beaufort	Family	63	42	4	59	24	11	31	72	52	38	1	32	40	12	3	1	0	0	1	17	150	20	19	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	5	1	0	12	178	25.0	535	65.0	713
Berkeley	Probate	26	26	12	16	13	16	22	89	9	29	2	1	7	5	4	3	0	2	0	0	59	5	7	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	125	13.8	245	66.2	370
Calhoun	Family	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Charleston	Family	311	599	0	0	95	106	445	0	157	162	14	74	87	22	12	0	0	0	16	0	54	6	98	0	0	16	12	2	58	6	0	0	0	0	0	52	608	21.3	1,296	20.7	1,904
Cherokee	Family	16	27	2	8	14	17	23	12	16	25	0	1	5	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	51	27.6	133	22.4	184
Chester	Family	26	39	7	17	10	11	27	9	90	20	1	7	7	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	13	2	16	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	128	32.0	199	63.0	327
Cherokee	Probate	31	10	2	0	3	5	11	13	0	3	0	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	24	23.3	79	76.7	103
Clarendon	Probate	74	69	28	85	140	9	3	60	8	28	2	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	16	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	74	13.5	475	56.5	549
Colleton	Family	14	32	8	13	4	17	26	35	90	20	3	11	7	2	5	3	0	0	1	0	3	4	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	155	46.4	179	53.6	334
Columbia	Probate	27	18	6	9	6	8	34	11	59	6	0	4	7	3	4	8	0	0	3	0	10	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	109	45.0	133	55.0	242
Dillon	Probate	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11.1	8	98.9	9	
Dorchester	Probate	21	27	5	10	1	10	9	43	11	17	0	0	10	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	29	1	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	6	64	33.8	136	66.2	200
Edgefield	Family	4	12	0	0	2	1	10	0	29	2	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	39	41.8	49	58.2	87
Fairfield	Family	11	7	1	2	0	6	2	6	5	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	13	20.3	51	70.7	64	
Florence	Family	67	56	13	75	2	13	42	60	75	27	9	15	21	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	39	2	1	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	179	37.8	266	67.2	445	
Georgetown	Probate	12	2	0	4	0	0	18	5	85	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	103	65.0	57	35.0	160	
Greenville	Family	375	426	51	101	96	163	4	16	65	50	13	23	115	18	12	6	0	4	10	6	95	41	12	0	1	22	8	1	0	0	0	1	1	9	75	126	61.9	1,095	13.1	1,221	
Greenwood	Family	32	18	3	36	0	11	20	3	47	8	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	122	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	72	25.7	1,195	27.3	1,267	
Hampton	Probate	18	0	0	4	4	0	11	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	31.2	33	68.8	48	
Horry	Family	44	41	12	12	9	13	18	36	2	22	3	1	11	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	13	2	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	53	21.6	211	78.4	264	
Jasper**	Probate	1	2	0	1	6	4	5	6	10	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	43.8	22	51.2	43	
Kershaw	Family	14	35	4	16	16	14	65	51	41	16	0	9	16	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	95	17	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	174	40.2	259	59.8	433	
Lancaster	Family	52	33	13	12	8	38	21	38	77	12	4	0	13	0	2	0	0	0	3	2	23	9	19	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	145	37.0	247	63.0	392	
Laurens	Family	37	22	10	14	7	12	33	44	26	10	1	0	2	6	1	1	0	0	1	0	70	0	4	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	33.9	201	66.1	304	
Lexington	Probate	5	9	4	1	0	3	12	7	16	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	53.4	30	46.6	65	
Lincoln	Family	65	83	16	19	53	33	79	162	88	41	3	10	31	5	1	1	0	1	2	11	49	18	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	94	347	35.2	638	64.8	985	
Marion	Family	8	2	0	0	3	0	5	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	33.3	16	66.7	24		
Matheson	Probate	14	18	4	3	2	4	3	1	20	3	0	0	8	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	29.4	60	70.6	85		
Mecklenburg	Probate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100.0	0	0	1			
Richmond	Probate	9	21	0	13	4	1	6	2	5	1	0	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0												

TABLE VI
ACTION TAKEN AT INTAKE OF JUVENILE REFERRALS TO
SOUTH CAROLINA COURTS BY COUNTY AND TYPE OF OFFENDER*

County	Court	Inferred Prosecution			Dismissed			Consent Probation			Mental Health			DSS			Vocational Rehabilitation			Youth Bureau			Other Social Agency/Other			Petition for Adjudication			Subtotal 25 Counties		Total 42 Counties All Offenders	Partial Data
		Status	Non-Status	All Off.	Status	Non-Status	All Off.	Status	Non-Status	All Off.	Status	Non-Status	All Off.	Status	Non-Status	All Off.	Status	Non-Status	All Off.	Status	Non-Status	All Off.	Status	Non-Status	All Off.	Status	Non-Status					
Albionville	Probate	-	-	0	-	-	1	-	-	73	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
Aiken	Family	10	36	46	8	16	24	12	174	186	6	4	10	1	1	2	7	3	15	94	1	95	68	106	174	30	119	149	736	465	701	
Allendale	Probate	1	2	3	4	2	6	1	7	8	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	12	11	23	
Anderson	Family	72	0	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	1	81	0	81	0	0	0	262	701	963	430	701	1131	
Barber	Probate	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	11	-	-	17	
Barnwell	Probate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Beaufort	Family	16	76	92	33	50	83	0	31	31	2	0	2	2	0	2	16	31	47	33	12	42	29	42	71	46	151	197	174	391	567	
Bellevue	Probate	16	12	28	21	4	25	14	20	34	0	0	0	29	0	29	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	121	162	283	203	198	401	
Calhoun	Family	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	
Charleston**	Family	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cherokee	Family	1	4	5	4	10	14	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	1	11	-	-	900**	-	-	1608	-	-	1908	
Chester	Family	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Chesterfield	Probate	0	2	2	1	0	1	4	12	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	6	24	54	78	33	70	103	
Clarendon	Probate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Colleton	Family	17	10	27	16	6	22	43	8	51	2	0	2	7	1	8	1	1	2	1	0	1	31	5	36	80	108	188	198	139	137	
Darlington	Probate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Dillon	Probate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	6	0	0	0	0	7	7	1	12	13	
Dorchester	Probate	0	1	1	4	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	49	122	171	64	129	193	
Dorchester	Family	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fairfield	Family	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	1	-	-	0	-	-	84	-	-	82	
Florence	Family	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	38	57	20	39	59	
Georgetown	Probate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Greenville	Family	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Greenwood	Family	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Hampton	Probate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Horry	Family	33	15	48	2	7	9	3	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	-	-	0	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Jasper	Probate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Keeshaw	Family	33	11	44	39	3	42	9	2	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	8	12	188	200	54	215	269	
Lancaster	Family	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	10	0	10	1	0	1	19	0	19	5	0	5	52	251	303	169	267	136	
Laurens	Family	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	1	1	155	233	388	157	235	392	
Lee	Probate	11	0	11	23	2	25	2	7	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Lexington	Family	23	43	66	28	44	72	24	31	55	2	4	6	1	2	3	3	2	5	96	19	115	115	81	196	43	216	264	340	442	782	
McCormick	Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	13	24	11	13	24	
Marion	Probate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	
Marion	Probate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Mecklenburg	Probate	2	6	8	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Monroe	Family	11	0	11	26	11	37	0	0	0	8	0	8	6	1	7	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	6	55	61	13	62	75	
Murphy	Family	2	5	7	19	19	38	19	45	64	4	2	6	6	3	9	3	3	6	8	4	12	0	0	0	155	126	281	214	142	356	
Pickens	Civil	2	6	8	0	1	1	11	38	49	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	3	3	2	14	16	19	85	104	27	123	150	99	215	314	
Piedmont**	Family	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	19	65	84	
Saluda	Family	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Southampton	Family	7	20	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	18	64	43	18	61	
Surfer	Family	0	0	0	60	58	118	3	7	10	2	0	2	1	0	1	4	0	4	10	33	43	0	0	0	415	1327	1742	433	110	1535	
Union	County	1	13	14	0	7	7	0	16	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	3	5	0	15	15	136	252	388	208	335	543	
Williamsonburg	Probate	4	2	6	4	1	5	1	3	4	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	11	85	96	12	14	126	
York	Probate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	0	4	4	0	4	18	41	59	40	47	87	
TOTAL		262	265	613	298	248	749	148	401	699	36	14	68	72	8	92	36	48	95	364	97	639	294	344	2140	1754	4493	9791	3264	5418	11,682	

TABLE V-A

DELINQUENCY OFFENSES OF JUVENILES REFERRED
TO SOUTH CAROLINA COURTS BY
PERCENTAGES IN SELECTED CATEGORIES

Category	No.	Percentage of Subtotal	Percentage of Total
<u>SERIOUS NON-STATUS OFFENSES</u>			
Murder	1	.02	.006
Rape	34	.56	.19
Arson	44	.72	.25
Assault	785	12.88	4.46
Robbery	116	1.90	.66
Sex Offense	71	1.17	.40
Auto Theft	387	6.35	2.20
Burglary	49	.80	.28
Breaking and Entering	2,148	35.25	12.20
Larceny	2,458	40.34	13.96
Subtotal	6,093	100.00	34.61
<u>OTHER NON-STATUS OFFENSES</u>			
Drugs	675	10.34	3.83
Traffic	1,460	22.36	8.29
Probation Violation	517	7.92	2.94
All Remaining Non-Status Offenses*	3,877	59.38	22.02
Subtotal	6,529	100.00	37.08
<u>STATUS OFFENSES</u>			
Ungovernable	1,596	32.02	9.06
Runaway	1,322	26.52	7.51
Truancy	1,744	34.99	9.91
Other Status**	322	6.46	1.83
Subtotal	4,984	100.00	28.31
<u>ALL RECORDED DELINQUENCY OFFENSES</u>			
Total	17,606	-	100.00

*Includes offenses numbered 4, 5, 6, 12, 14, 19, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36 on preceding table.

**Includes offenses numbered 22 and 36 on preceding table.

proportion (28%). For all individual offenses, however, it will be noted that while "larceny" and "breaking and entering" account for the two largest percentages, "truancy" and "ungovernable" reflect the next two greatest proportions of all offenses.

The action taken at intake of juvenile referrals is reflected in Table VI, with forty-two (42) counties reporting at least partial data for all categories although only twenty-five (25) counties provided a breakdown between status and non-status offenders. These actions may be multiple for individual offenders in some cases. It is apparent that of the total 14,886 actions reported, the large majority, or almost 66%, were "petitions for adjudication". Social agencies were utilized frequently (16%) primarily in the large category of "other social agencies", but also including "Mental Health" (1.5%), and "DSS" and "Vocational Rehabilitation" (.6% each). The "Youth Bureau" accounted for over 4% of action taken at intake, similar to "deferred prosecution" (4%), and "consent probation" (4.7%). Only about 5% were "dismissed" at intake.

Data discriminated by the separate categories of status and non-status offenders was available from twenty-five of the counties and represents 9,182 or about 62% of the total action at intake reported. Of this 9,182, the sub-group of non-status offenders reflected over 64% and the status offenders, 36%. The analyzation of the separate categories of action taken indicate that the data provided by the two sub-groups reflect a fairly even distribution of status and non-status offenders in "deferred prosecution", "dismissed," "Vocational Rehabilitation," and "other social agencies", a heavier concentration in status offenders in referrals to "Mental Health", "DSS", and the "Youth Bureau", while "consent probation" and "petition for adjudication" were utilized in a vast majority for non-status offenders as compared to status offenders, 73% - 27% and 72% to 28%, respectively.

Table VI-A, which summarizes these distributions, reveals that of the 5,918 actions recorded for non-status offenders, almost 76% were "petitions for adjudication" at intake as compared to about 54% for the status offenders. The next largest

TABLE VI-A

SUMMARY OF
ACTION AT INTAKE OF JUVENILE REFERRALS TO
SOUTH CAROLINA COURTS BY PERCENTAGE AND TYPE OF OFFENDER*

Action at Intake	By Types of Offender, 25 Counties						Total, 42 Counties	
	No. Status	% of Status	% of Total	No. Non- Status	% of Non- Status	% of Total	Number	% of Total
Deferred Prosecution	262	9.13	2.85	265	4.48	2.89	613	4.12
Dismissed	298	7.60	3.24	248	4.19	2.70	749	5.03
Consent Probation	148	4.53	1.61	401	6.78	4.37	699	4.70
Mental Health	36	1.10	.39	14	.24	.15	68	.46
DSS	72	2.21	.78	8	.13	.09	92	.62
Occupational Rehab.	36	1.10	.39	48	.81	.52	95	.64
Youth Bureau	364	11.15	3.96	97	1.64	1.06	639	4.29
Other Social Agency/Other	294	9.01	3.20	344	5.81	3.75	2,140	14.38
Petition For Adjudication	1,754	53.73	19.10	4,493	75.92	48.93	9,791	65.77
TOTAL	3,264	100.00	35.55	5,918	100.00	64.45	14,886	100.00

*Actions may be multiple in some individual cases.

category represented for non-status offenders was "consent probation" (6.8%), while the "Youth Bureau" accounted for the next most frequent action (11.2%) for status offenders.

The dispositions and adjudications of the juvenile referrals by the reporting forty-four (44) counties is detailed in Table VII for a total of 12,174 dispositions, which may be multiple for individual offenders in some cases. Statewide, this data indicates that the largest proportion (29%) is represented by "probation", followed by "dismissed" (12.85%), "R & E" (11.19%), and "continued" and "other social agencies" (10% each). "Commitments to DYS Institutions" accounted for about 5%. This may be compared to the very similar data compiled for FY 1976, which reflected an approximate 33% rate for "probation", 12% for "R & E", 10% to "social agencies" and 5.5% to "DYS Institutions". The disposition of "probation" varied widely on an individual county basis with a range of 4-91%. For the most part, the larger counties appeared to reflect the smallest portions of "probation" as exemplified by Anderson (11%), Charleston (26%), Greenville (13%), Lexington (15%), and Spartanburg (10%), although Richland experienced a substantial rate of almost 35%. The range for those referrals "dismissed" was much smaller by individual county with the exception of Richland, which accounted for a sizeable portion of over 28%. Commitments to R & E for each county also displayed an extensive range with again the larger counties on the whole reflecting the smallest percentages (Anderson, 10%; Charleston, 7%; Greenville, 8%; Lexington, 9%; Richland, 10%; and Spartanburg, 7%). This pattern does not appear to hold true for "commitments to DYS Institutions" where many of the larger counties exceeded the overall State rate of 5% (Charleston, 7.85%; Greenville, 5.31%; Lexington, 9.81%; and Richland, 7%).

A more graphic presentation by percentages of the 11,297 juveniles reported in the age, race and sex distribution of adjudications statewide is reflected in Figure 2. While the actual percentages vary slightly from their counterparts indicated in Table VII by referrals, the hierarchy by proportions is consistent.

NOTE: The actual age, race and sex distributions of dispositions and adjudications closely approximated those of referrals and therefore were not analyzed in this report.

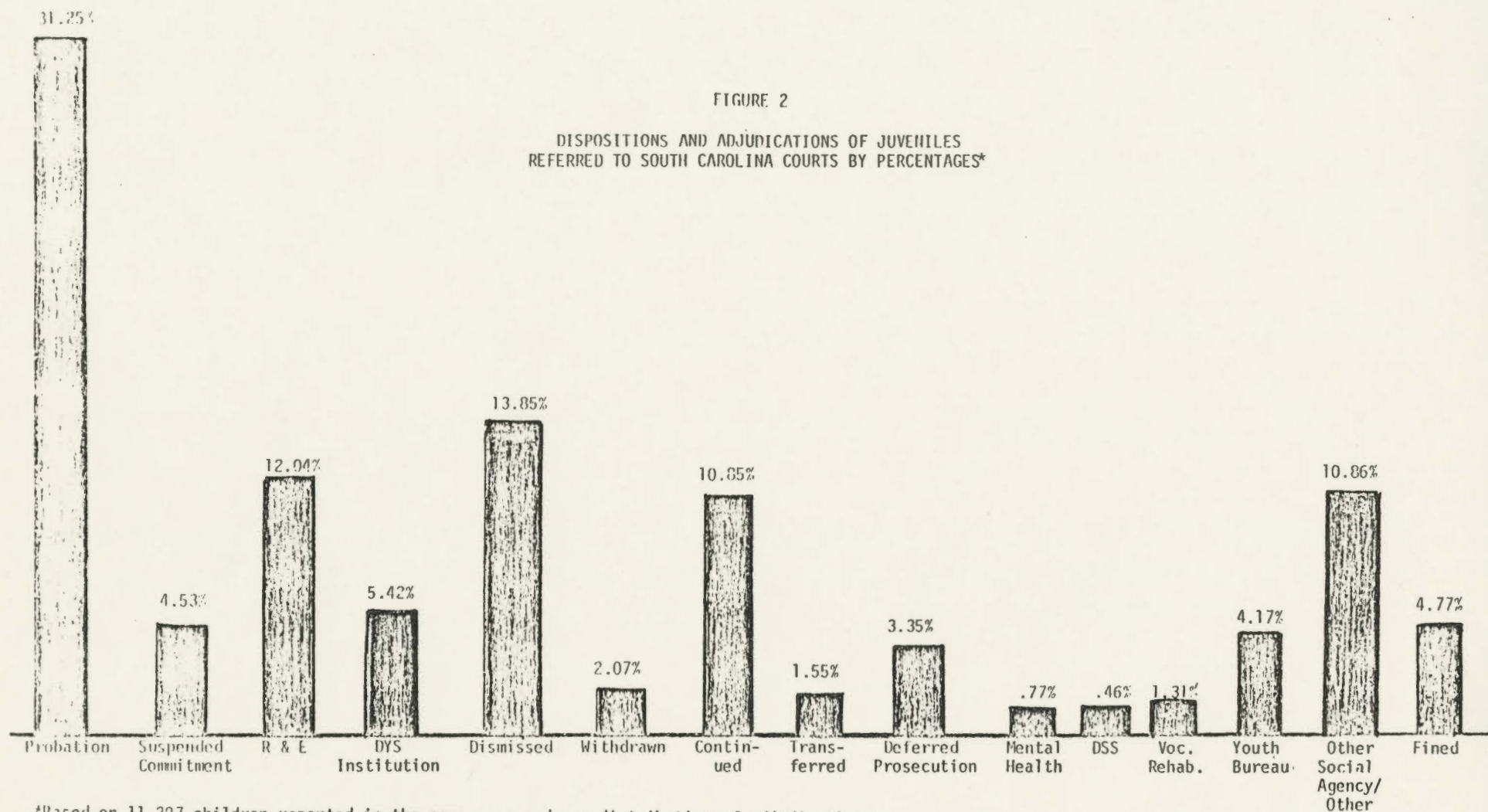
TABLE VII
DISPOSITIONS AND ADJUDICATIONS OF JUVENILE
REFERRALS TO SOUTH CAROLINA COURTS BY COUNTY*

County	Court	Probation	Suspended Commitment	%	R & F	%	DYS Institution	%	Dismissed	%	With- drawn	%	Continued	%	Transferred	Deferred Prosecution	%	Mental Health	%	DSS	%	Voc. Rehab.	%	Youth Bureau	%	Other Social Agency/Other	%	Fined	%	Total		
Alexandria	Probate	75	91.25	0	4	5.00	0	0	1	1.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.25	1	1.25	0	0	80			
Aiken	Family	35	26.92	6	4.61	35	26.92	8	6.15	16	12.31	0	0	7	5.38	2	1.54	1	.77	3	2.31	4	3.08	4	3.08	8	6.15	0	0	130		
Allendale	Probate	1	14.29	0	0	6	85.71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24			
Anderson	Family	93	10.98	34	4.01	86	10.1	19	2.24	93	10.98	18	2.12	33	3.90	11	1.30	201	23.73	15	1.77	14	1.65	11	1.30	150	17.71	33	3.90	36	4.25	247
Bamberg	Probate	6	24.00	0	0	15	60.00	1	4.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4.00	1	4.00	0	0	20		
Baufort	Family	74	26.45	5	2.46	29	14.29	3	1.48	19	9.36	1	.49	2	.99	5	2.46	1	.49	3	1.48	2	.99	5	2.46	53	26.11	0	0	201		
Berkeley	Probate	135	43.97	16	5.21	43	14.01	11	3.58	16	5.21	3	.98	24	7.82	8	2.61	13	4.23	4	1.30	26	8.47	0	0	6	1.95	2	.65	180		
Charleston**	Family	588	26.39	267	11.98	149	6.69	175	7.85	237	10.64	0	0	187	8.39	12	.99	62	2.78	11	.49	12	.53	11	.49	0	0	507	22.96	0	0	7,200
Charleston**	Family	36	32.73	5	4.54	13	11.82	7	6.36	14	12.73	3	2.73	15	13.64	3	2.73	5	4.54	1	.91	1	.91	0	0	1	.91	6	5.15	0	0	11
Chester	Family	75	28.30	27	10.19	25	9.43	12	4.53	0	0	2	.75	99	37.36	0	0	0	0	1	.38	4	1.51	0	0	0	0	20	7.55	0	0	69
Chesterfield	Probate	42	60.87	1	1.45	16	23.19	8	11.59	1	1.45	0	0	1	1.45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	
Clarendon	Probate	4	25.00	3	18.75	3	18.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	37.50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	
Colleton	Family	78	37.68	8	3.86	35	16.91	9	4.35	20	9.66	0	0	24	11.59	6	2.90	2	.97	0	0	2	.97	2	.97	19	9.18	0	0	0	10	
Darlington	Probate	62	27.20	20	8.80	82	36.00	5	2.20	30	13.20	1	.40	1	.40	1	.40	6	2.60	6	2.60	1	.40	1	.40	3	1.30	8	3.50	22		
Dillon	Probate	2	20.00	0	0	1	10.00	1	10.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	
Worcester	Probate	26	14.86	3	1.71	32	18.29	6	3.43	19	10.86	3	1.71	0	0	0	0	10	5.71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	
Edgefield	Family	31	36.50	6	7.10	26	30.60	2	2.30	3	3.50	0	0	11	12.90	0	0	0	0	1	1.20	0	0	5	5.90	0	0	0	0	0	10	
Fairfield	Family	38	60.32	3	4.76	5	7.94	1	1.59	0	0	1	1.59	12	19.05	1	1.59	0	0	0	0	2	3.17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	450	
Florence	Family	248	55.11	0	0	47	10.44	17	3.78	74	16.44	7	1.56	0	0	4	.89	2	.44	9	2.00	2	.44	8	1.78	32	7.11	0	0	17		
Georgetown	Probate	103	81.10	0	0	6	4.72	4	3.15	4	3.15	2	1.57	2	1.57	4	3.15	0	0	0	0	1	.79	0	0	0	0	1	.79	17		
Greenville	Family	151	13.14	18	1.57	92	8.01	61	5.31	389	33.86	73	6.35	42	3.66	15	1.30	29	2.52	1	.09	3	.26	42	3.65	35	3.05	99	8.62	99	3.62	1,110
Greenwood	Family	109	32.06	1	.29	18	5.29	19	5.59	27	7.94	0	0	0	0	6	1.76	0	0	1	.29	0	0	4	1.18	0	0	154	15.30	170		
Hampton	Probate	15	75.00	1	5.60	3	15.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20		
Horry	Family	51	18.34	0	0	32	11.51	7	2.52	38	13.67	2	.72	87	31.29	12	4.32	1	.36	2	.72	19	6.83	4	1.44	2	.72	20	7.19	20		
Jasper	Probate	1	4.35	0	0	2	8.70	0	0	3	13.04	0	0	2	8.70	4	17.39	1	4.35	5	21.74	0	0	1	4.35	3	13.04	0	0	30		
Kershaw	Family	58	19.02	12	3.93	39	12.79	15	4.92	15	4.92	4	1.31	3	.93	4	1.31	21	6.83	0	0	1	.33	0	0	8	2.67	4	1.31	171	39.67	86
Lancaster	Family	152	53.99	0	0	45	15.96	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	25.53	4	1.42	0	0	3	1.06	2	.71	0	0	0	0	4	1.42	0	0	219
Laurens	Family	128	59.53	0	0	14	6.51	9	4.19	12	5.58	0	0	6	2.79	4	1.66	0	0	0	0	2	.93	0	0	12	5.53	18	8.37	10	4.65	219
Lee	Probate	7	43.75	1	6.25	6	37.50	0	0	1	6.25	0	0	0	0	1	6.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	
Lexington	Family	39	14.72	3	1.13	24	9.06	26	9.81	48	18.11	2	.75	5	1.89	10	3.77	4	1.51	2	.75	3	1.13	11	4.15	82	30.94	2	.75	265		
McCormick	Family	8	27.59	0	0	10	34.48	6	20.69	3	10.34	0	0	2	6.90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	
Marion	Probate	18	30.00	4	6.67	13	21.67	1	1.67	9	15.00	0	0	9	15.00	0	0	1	1.67	2	3.33	1	1.67	0	0	2	3.33	0	0	0	0	0
Marthboro	Probate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Martberry	Probate	40	67.80	0	0	15	25.42	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3.39	0	0	1	1.69	20		
Oconee	Family	96	32.32	0	0	27	9.09	14	4.71	10	3.37	15	5.05	10	3.37	5	1.68	1	.34	7	2.36	0	0	6	2.02	0	0	0	0	10		
Orangeburg	Family	7	4.46	3	1.91	68	43.31	19	12.10	3	1.91	0	0	2	1.27	0	0	7	4.46	1	.64	2	1.27	0	0	31	19.75	13	8.28	100		
Pickens	Civil	41	50.09	1	1.22	10	12.19	8	9.76	1	1.22	1	1.22	2	2.44	0	0	1	1.22	1	1.22	14	17.07	0	0	0	0	1	1.22	20		
Richland**	Family	202	31.52	0	0	59	10.08	41	7.01	168	28.72	0	0	0	0	14	2.33	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	11.28	35	5.98	0	0	60		
Saluda	Family	20	31.25	15	23.44	12	18.75	0	0	5	7.81	0	0	9	14.06	0	0	0	0	3	4.69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	
Spaulding	Family	145	10.41	2	.14	95	6.82	61	4.38	199	14.29	88	6.32	529	37.98	15	1.03	11	.78	6	.43	4	.29	8	.57	14	9.38	20	1.87	1,100		
Sumter	Family	207	52.67	28	7.12	38	9.67	3	.76	39	9.92	4	1.02	7	1.78	4	1.02	2	.51	6	1.53	0	0	17	4.33	24	6.11	14	3.56	0	0	10
Union	Civil	35	32.11	10	9.17	14	12.84	5	4.59	3	2.75	2	1.83	19	17.43	2	1.83	1	.92	0	0	5	4.59	0	0	9	8.26	4	3.67	0	0	10
Williamsburg	Probate	17	24.64	9	13.04	26	37.68	6	8.70	2	2.90	0	0	1	1.45	0	0	3	4.35	0	0	0	0	1	1.45	0	0	4	5.10	10		
York	Family	234	66.48	0	0	42	11.93	22	6.25	43	12.22	2	.57	0	0	0	0	1	.28	2	.57	0	0	1	.28	5	1.42	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		3,531	29.00	512	4.21	1,362	11.19	612	5.03	1,565	12.85	234	1.92	1,226	10.07	175	1.44	378	3.10	87	.71	108	.89	148	1.22	471	3.87	1,226	10.07	539	4.43	17,130

*By actual numbers recorded, 44 counties, fiscal year 1977, except as noted below. Partial data for Bamberg, 8 mos., Jasper, 10 mos., Pickens, 4 mos., and Union, 3 mos. Dispositions may be multiple in some individual cases.
**Charleston and Richland Counties are based on fiscal year 1976, courts' own annual reports.

FIGURE 2

DISPOSITIONS AND ADJUDICATIONS OF JUVENILES
REFERRED TO SOUTH CAROLINA COURTS BY PERCENTAGES*



*Based on 11,297 children reported in the age, race and sex distribution of adjudications.

The dispositions and adjudications of the juveniles referred are examined by their sub-groups of status and non-status offenders by the twenty-eight (28) counties which provided this data for a base of 7,629 dispositions in Tables VII-A and VII-B. The majority of this total group were dispositions involving non-status offenders (68%). In only a few of the counties did the status offender dispositions somewhat outnumber those of non-status offenders (Allendale, Georgetown, Oconee), although there was a rather even distribution of these sub-groups in several counties (Anderson, Berkeley, Chester, Lancaster, and McCormick). Most of the larger counties which reported in this area, such as Greenville, Lexington and Spartanburg, reflected a vast majority involving non-status offenders, particularly Greenville (90%).

In regard to the categories of the dispositions recorded for these twenty-eight (28) counties, in only five areas were status offenders recorded more frequently on a statewide basis (deferred prosecution, Mental Health, DSS, Youth Bureau, and other social agencies). In relation to each sub-group of status and non-status offenders, "probation" accounted for a nearly equal proportion of each group (24% of all status offender dispositions, 27% of all non-status) and there was close congruity in proportion for "committed to R & E" (12% and 11%, respectively) "continued" and "transferred". However, of the status sub-group, the proportion was considerably higher for "deferred prosecution", "Mental Health", "DSS", "Youth Bureau", and "other social agencies", while for the non-status sub-group, the percentage was substantially greater in regard to "DYS Institutions", "dismissed" and "fined". It should be noted that although, technically, by law juveniles cannot be fined, a considerable number (500) or over 6% were recorded for that disposition according to the court reports, presumably for traffic offenses, primarily, and as a responsibility of the parents. Therefore, preponderance of this disposition was in the non-status sub-group (over 90% of the total 500) and was heavily concentrated in three counties (10% of those dispositions recorded for Greenville, 48% in Greenwood, and 39% in Kershaw).

TABLE VII-A

DISPOSITIONS AND ADJUDICATIONS OF JUVENILES REFERRED TO
SOUTH CAROLINA COURTS BY TYPE OF OFFENDER AND COUNTY*

County	Court	Total Nos. Reported by Type of Offender		Probation		Suspended Commitment		R & L		DYS Institutions		Dismissed		Withdrawn		Continued		Transferred		Deferred Prosecution		Mental Health		D/S		Voc. Rehab.		Youth Bureau		Other Total County Other		Grand Total		
		Stat.	N/S	Stat.	N/S	Stat.	N/S	Stat.	N/S	Stat.	N/S	Stat.	N/S	Stat.	N/S	Stat.	N/S	Stat.	N/S	Stat.	N/S	Stat.	N/S	Stat.	N/S	Stat.	N/S	Stat.	N/S	Stat.	N/S			
Aiken	Family	34	0	5	0	1	5	11	24	0	8	3	13	0	0	1	6	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	4	0	4	5	0	0		
Allendale	Probate	7	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Anderson	Family	421	426	18	75	18	16	32	54	2	17	41	52	14	4	15	18	1	19	139	62	13	2	10	4	7	4	24	66	24	9	3	10	
Beaufort	Family	44	158	13	61	2	3	16	13	1	2	1	18	0	1	1	1	0	5	1	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	4	1	3	19	0	0	
Charleston	Probate	140	167	39	96	7	9	22	21	2	9	11	5	2	1	17	7	2	6	3	19	4	0	25	1	0	0	6	0	0	2	0	0	
Cherokee	Family	25	85	11	25	0	5	1	12	0	7	3	11	0	3	3	12	0	3	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	9	1	1	0	0	
Chester	Family	120	145	21	54	0	27	2	23	0	12	0	0	2	0	88	11	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Chesterfield	Probate	30	39	12	30	0	1	12	4	4	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Dillon	Probate	1	9	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	
Dorchester	Probate	47	128	2	24	0	3	11	21	0	6	2	17	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	20	20	25	0	0	
Fairfield	Family	23	40	13	25	1	2	0	5	0	1	0	0	1	0	8	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Georgetown	Probate	105	22	88	15	0	0	4	2	4	0	2	2	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Greenville	Family	92	269	3	117	0	14	0	81	2	41	27	205	8	58	2	27	2	4	1	28	0	0	0	3	1	36	4	25	46	57	13	11	
Hammond	Family	84	202	37	45	0	1	9	8	3	12	6	17	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	
Horry	Family	31	247	7	44	0	0	5	27	1	6	2	36	1	1	3	84	8	4	0	1	0	1	0	2	3	16	0	4	1	1	1	0	
Jasper	Family	64	241	9	49	2	10	19	20	1	14	5	10	2	2	0	3	0	4	14	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	1	1	3	4	11	
Lancaster	Family	136	146	52	100	0	0	13	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	8	3	1	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	
Lexington	Family	87	178	8	31	0	3	8	16	7	19	12	36	0	2	2	3	4	6	1	3	3	1	2	0	0	3	8	3	12	50	0	0	
McCormick	Family	15	14	5	3	0	0	2	8	5	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Newberry	Probate	6	53	2	38	0	0	4	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	
Oncon	Family	162	135	39	57	0	0	14	13	3	11	6	4	9	6	5	5	2	3	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	59	4	14	24	0
Orangeburg	Family	30	127	3	4	0	3	18	50	1	18	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	6	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pickens	Civil	12	70	4	37	0	1	4	6	0	8	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Spartanburg	Family	420	973	34	111	1	1	36	59	19	42	65	134	31	57	89	440	2	13	3	8	4	2	2	2	5	3	40	12	89	43	0	0	
Sumter	Family	149	244	62	145	7	21	15	23	0	3	21	18	1	3	5	2	0	4	0	2	3	3	0	0	8	9	16	8	11	3	0	0	
Union	Probate	25	84	13	22	4	6	0	14	0	5	1	2	1	1	3	16	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	2	7	0	4	0	0	
Williamsburg	Probate	19	50	4	13	2	7	11	15	1	5	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	
York	Family	108	244	74	160	0	0	21	21	3	19	5	38	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	
TOTAL		2,437	5,192	579	1,413	45	138	296	584	59	271	217	704	77	142	310	654	32	69	168	141	42	15	53	21	30	90	196	178	286	319	47	453	

*By actual number recorded, 28 counties. Dispositions may be multiple in some individual cases.

**N/S = Non-Status

TABLE VII-B

SUMMARY OF
DISPOSITIONS AND ADJUDICATIONS OF JUVENILES
REFERRED TO SOUTH CAROLINA COURTS
BY TYPE OF OFFENDER*

	Total	Status	% of Status	% of Total	Non- Status	% of Non-Status	% of Total
Probation	1,992	579	23.76	7.59	1,413	27.21	18.52
Suspended Commitment	183	45	1.85	.59	138	2.66	1.81
R & E	880	296	12.13	3.88	584	11.25	7.65
DYS Institution	330	59	2.42	.77	271	5.22	3.55
Dismissed	921	217	8.90	2.84	704	13.56	9.23
Withdrawn	219	77	3.16	1.01	142	2.73	1.86
Continued	964	310	12.72	4.06	654	12.60	8.57
Transferred	101	32	1.31	.42	69	1.33	.90
ferred Prosecution	309	168	6.89	2.20	141	2.72	1.85
Mental Health	57	42	1.72	.55	15	.29	.20
DSS	74	53	2.17	.69	21	.40	.27
Voc. Rehab.	120	30	1.23	.39	90	1.73	1.18
Youth Bureau	374	196	8.04	2.57	178	3.43	2.33
Other Social Agency/Other	605	286	11.76	3.75	319	6.14	4.18
Fined	500	47	1.93	.62	453	8.72	5.99
TOTAL	7,629	2,437	100.00	31.94	5,192	100.00	68.06

*Dispositions may be multiple in some individual cases.

The recidivism data collected and compiled for FY 1977 represents major advances over that which was presented in the report for FY 1976, in that the latest report 1) reflects data from thirty-two counties as opposed to ten counties previously reporting, 2) the race and sex distributions previously unavailable are presented, and 3) available data is now provided for the sub-groups of status and non-status offenders, detailing both their current and prior offenses.

The recidivist data presented in Table VIII reflects the race and sex distributions, based on the actual numbers recorded by thirty-two counties. The percentages of recidivists in relation to all juveniles referred is based on 11,734 juveniles referred as recorded by these thirty-two courts. Within this framework, it is apparent that the recidivist rate statewide approximates 32% of the juveniles referred. Since this rate is based on over 75% of the actual total state juvenile referrals recorded for forty-four counties, it may be presumed to reflect an essentially valid figure. This may be compared to the ten county sampling of recidivism rates compiled for FY 1976 which indicated a 28% rate. The highest rate for an individual county reporting for at least a reasonable time frame was Anderson (49.38%), followed by Pickens (45.07%), Spartanburg (44.23%), and Union (44.12%). Chesterfield reflected a very low rate of 4.85% followed by Horry (12.96%).

In relation to sex and race, males comprised over 76% of the recidivists, similar to that proportion referred initially (73%), and white youth accounted for almost 66% of the recidivist group, again concurring closely with the proportion of those referred (68%). Within the total group, white males comprised the highest proportion of recidivists (almost 50%), followed by black males (26%), white females (16%), and black females (8%). In relation to their original sub-groups referred, black males exhibited the highest recidivist rate (36% of all black males referred), followed by white males and black females (about 31% of each of their sub-groups) while white females had the lowest recidivist rate

TABLE VIII
RACE AND SEX DISTRIBUTION OF
JUVENILES WHO RECIDIVATED TO
SOUTH CAROLINA COURTS BY COUNTY*

County	Court	All Juveniles Referred	Total Recidivists	% of All Juveniles Referred	W/M Recidivists	% of All Recidivists	% of All W/M Referred	% of All Juveniles Referred	B/M Recidivists	% of All Recidivists	% of All B/M Referred	% of All Juveniles Referred	W/F Recidivists	% of All Recidivists	% of All W/F Referred	% of All Juveniles Referred	R/F Recidivists	% of All Recidivists	% of All R/F Referred	% of All Juveniles Referred
Aiken	Family	601	179	29.79	103	57.54	30.29	17.14	27	15.08	31.40	4.49	31	17.32	22.30	5.16	18	10.06	50.00	1.00
Allendale	Probate	73	6	26.08	5	83.33	62.50	21.74	1	16.67	14.29	4.34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anderson	Family	963	477	49.38	251	56.62	44.35	25.98	81	16.98	50.31	8.34	123	25.78	62.44	12.73	22	4.61	52.38	2.38
Beaufort	Family	577	104	32.11	78	42.39	29.32	13.61	59	32.07	44.03	10.29	25	13.59	20.49	4.36	22	11.97	43.14	3.34
Berkeley	Probate	416	80	19.23	51	63.75	20.32	12.26	5	6.25	18.51	1.20	24	30.00	5.54	5.77	0	0	0	0
Charleston	Family	147	42	28.57	23	54.76	29.11	15.65	11	26.19	33.33	7.48	4	9.52	19.05	2.72	4	9.52	20.57	2.72
Chesler	Family	312	109	34.93	38	34.86	31.40	12.18	47	43.12	44.76	15.06	12	11.01	20.57	3.85	12	11.01	27.27	3.15
Cheslerfield	Probate	103	5	4.85	1	20.00	2.00	.97	3	60.00	8.33	2.91	0	0	0	0	1	20.00	20.00	.97
Colleton	Family	333	86	25.83	21	24.42	16.28	6.31	48	55.81	38.10	14.41	12	13.95	31.58	3.60	5	5.61	17.50	1.50
Conestoga	Probate	198	41	20.72	23	56.10	17.56	11.62	3	7.32	37.50	1.52	13	31.71	27.66	6.57	2	4.88	16.67	1.01
Edgefield	Family	87	20	22.50	3	15.00	16.67	3.37	12	60.00	22.64	11.43	1	5.00	12.50	1.12	4	20.00	40.00	1.12
Florence	Family	480	110	22.92	53	48.18	26.90	11.04	34	30.91	22.60	7.08	11	10.09	14.47	2.29	12	10.91	21.05	2.50
Greenville	Family	1,197	347	28.99	199	57.35	31.84	16.62	95	23.38	24.29	7.94	22	6.34	20.00	1.84	31	8.93	43.06	2.59
Greenwood	Family	318	113	35.53	56	59.56	28.72	17.61	39	34.51	54.17	12.76	11	9.73	39.29	3.46	7	6.19	30.44	2.10
Hampton	Family	270	35	12.96	22	62.86	17.74	8.15	11	31.43	14.67	4.07	2	5.71	3.92	.74	0	0	0	0
Horry	Probate	76	4	15.39	2	50.00	14.29	7.69	1	25.00	50.00	3.05	1	25.00	20.00	3.05	0	0	0	0
Jackson	Family	438	72	16.44	34	47.22	13.88	7.76	17	23.61	27.87	3.38	17	23.61	17.35	3.88	4	5.56	11.76	.91
Laurens	Family	394	118	30.10	57	48.31	29.23	14.54	34	28.81	37.78	8.67	22	18.64	27.85	5.61	5	4.24	16.67	1.11
Lexington	Family	303	83	27.39	43	51.81	31.39	14.19	22	26.51	39.56	7.26	11	13.25	15.94	3.63	7	8.43	39.00	2.14
Lincoln	Probate	65	17	25.38	0	0	0	0	12	70.59	33.33	17.91	2	11.76	28.57	2.99	3	17.65	33.33	4.43
Maryland	Family	862	287	33.29	213	74.22	37.17	24.71	14	4.88	28.57	1.62	51	17.77	23.83	5.92	9	3.14	34.62	1.04
Mecklenburg	Probate	1	1	100.00	1	100.00	100.00	100.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monroe	Family	76	11	14.47	4	36.36	18.18	5.26	7	63.64	22.53	9.21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orangeburg	Family	319	89	25.50	64	71.91	28.32	18.34	4	4.49	29.09	1.14	21	23.60	23.33	6.02	0	0	0	0
Piedmont	Family	116	134	38.70	24	17.90	33.33	6.90	89	66.40	47.60	25.70	10	7.50	13.90	2.90	11	8.20	19.30	3.20
Richland	Civil	71	32	45.07	22	68.80	44.90	30.99	4	12.50	20.00	5.63	6	18.70	35.30	8.45	0	0	0	0
Saluda	Family	67	12	17.91	0	0	0	0	10	83.33	37.04	14.92	0	0	0	0	2	16.67	15.38	2.98
Sumter	Family	1,533	678	44.23	314	46.31	42.43	20.48	190	28.02	55.56	12.39	109	16.08	36.09	7.11	65	2.59	43.62	4.24
Union	Family	562	137	24.38	32	23.36	17.87	5.69	58	42.34	28.02	10.35	17	12.41	21.52	3.02	30	21.90	30.93	5.34
Williamsburg	Family	136	60	44.12	29	48.33	42.65	21.32	10	16.67	33.33	7.35	15	25.00	50.00	11.03	6	10.00	40.00	4.11
York	Probate	86	15	17.44	4	26.67	20.00	4.65	5	33.33	11.90	5.61	1	6.67	8.33	1.16	5	33.33	41.67	5.11
York	Family	379	148	37.34	91	61.49	42.13	22.81	29	19.59	42.03	7.27	18	12.16	21.69	4.51	10	6.76	32.76	2.51
TOTAL		11,734	3,732	31.80*	1,861	49.06	31.61**	15.86**	902	26.31	36.05**	8.37**	592	15.86	27.28**	5.04**	297	7.96	31.16**	2.53**

White: 2,453 or 65.73% Male: 2,843 or 76.18%
Black: 1,279 or 34.27% Female: 889 or 23.82%

*Percentages based on 11,734 juveniles referred, including 5,807 W/M, 2,734 B/M, 2,170 W/F, and 953 B/F.

of their sub-group (27%).

The detailing of prior and current offenses of recidivists as indicated by actual numbers reported with sufficiency by fifteen (15) counties is presented in Table VIII-A. Even though this information was completed by a much smaller number of courts and only reflects about 37% of those reported by race and sex, it may still be construed as a reasonable sample in an estimation of the current problem. Of all the recidivists reported by these counties, over 57% were recorded as having had a prior criminal offense and about 43% had a history of prior status offenses. Most significantly, it will be noted that of those 804 with a prior criminal offense, almost 81% were currently recidivating on a criminal offense, and of those 595 with a history of a prior status offense, over 70% had now recidivated on a status charge and only 29% on a criminal offense. It would appear, therefore, that the recidivist data available indicates a strong tendency for repeated court appearances to reflect similar types of broad offense categories, even though the probability is somewhat increased for youth with initial criminal offense charges.

The final area analyzed in this report relates to those cases reported for neglect and abuse on separate forms. It should be emphasized that this data is by no means conclusive, since it was reported by only 20 courts, all with only partial time frames and with the heaviest concentration attributable to four (4) counties, Aiken, Lexington, Berkeley, and Kershaw. Since it was reported for the first time during FY 1977, many counties reported it incorrectly, and, therefore, much of the data had to be discarded. The reporting has improved for FY 1978, and, therefore, the report for that year should prove to be more representative and accurate. However, the information presented here on a sample basis at least should provide some rudimentary indicators into an area hitherto substantially unknown.

Table IX indicates the age, race and sex distribution of the 449 children

TABLE VIII-A
PRIOR AND CURRENT OFFENSES OF JUVENILES
WHO RECIDIVATED TO SOUTH CAROLINA COURTS*

County	Court	Total All Recidivists Reported By Type of Offense	Recidivists with Prior Non-Status Offenses				Recidivists with Prior Status Offenses				Recidivists with Prior Status Offenses			
			No. With Prior Non-Status Offense	% of Total	Prior Non-Status/ Current Non-Status Offense	% of Recidivists With Prior Non-Stat. Offense	Prior Non-Status/ Current Status Offense	% of Recidivists With Prior Non-Stat. Off.	No. With Prior Status Offense	% of Total	Prior Status/ Current Criminal Offense	% of Recidivists With Prior Status Offense	Prior Status/ Current Status Offense	% of Recidivists With Prior Status Offense
Aiken	Family	169	99	58.58	80	80.81	19	19.19	70	41.42	17	24.29	54	32.74
Beaufort	Family	186	117	62.90	91	77.78	26	22.22	69	37.10	28	40.58	41	33.41
Berkeley	Probate	80	39	48.75	31	79.49	8	20.51	41	51.25	7	17.07	34	42.50
Cherokee	Family	41	34	82.93	31	91.18	3	8.82	7	17.07	4	57.14	3	42.86
Chester	Family	89	58	65.17	44	75.86	14	24.14	31	34.83	3	9.68	28	31.46
Colleton	Family	76	34	44.74	26	76.47	8	23.53	42	55.26	12	28.57	30	71.43
Edgefield	Family	16	3	18.75	2	66.67	1	33.33	13	81.25	1	7.69	12	92.31
Horry	Family	35	32	91.43	28	87.50	4	12.50	3	8.57	0	0	3	100.00
Lerschow	Family	72	40	55.56	32	80.00	8	20.00	22	44.44	13	40.63	19	59.47
Lancaster	Family	117	77	65.25	72	93.51	5	6.49	40	34.75	17	42.50	23	57.50
Lexington	Family	290	143	49.31	106	74.13	37	25.87	147	50.69	55	37.41	92	62.59
Saluda	Family	13	4	30.77	4	100.00	0	0	9	69.23	1	11.11	8	88.89
Sumter	Family	140	79	56.43	64	81.01	15	18.99	61	43.57	12	19.67	49	80.33
Union	County	60	37	61.67	35	94.59	2	5.41	23	38.33	3	13.04	20	86.96
Williamsburg	Probate	15	8	53.33	5	62.50	3	37.50	7	46.67	2	28.57	5	71.43
TOTAL 15 Counties		1,399	804	57.47	661	80.97	153	19.03	595	42.53	175	29.41	420	70.59

*By actual number reported in 15 counties.

TABLE IX
AGE, RACE AND SEX DISTRIBUTION OF CHILDREN
REFERRED TO SOUTH CAROLINA COURTS
FOR NEGLECT AND ABUSE*

<u>AGE</u>	<u>W/M</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>W/F</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>B/M</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>B/F</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>%</u>
7 & under	104	56.52	48	29.63	26	44.07	20	45.45	198	44.10
8	6	3.26	12	7.41	3	5.08	3	6.82	24	5.34
9	13	7.07	10	6.17	1	1.69	3	6.82	27	6.01
10	6	3.26	9	5.56	4	6.78	1	2.27	20	4.45
11	7	3.80	11	6.79	5	8.47	2	4.54	25	5.57
12	13	7.07	17	10.49	2	3.39	3	6.82	35	7.79
13	8	4.35	7	4.32	3	5.08	4	9.09	22	4.90
14	6	3.26	18	11.11	3	5.08	3	6.82	30	6.68
15	12	6.52	13	8.02	7	11.86	2	4.54	34	7.57
16	9	4.89	17	10.49	5	8.47	3	6.82	34	7.57
TOTAL	184	40.98	162	36.08	59	13.14	44	9.80	449	100.00

Black: 22.94% Male: 54.12%
White: 77.06% Female: 45.88%

*Based on 449 children reported neglected or abused on separate forms.

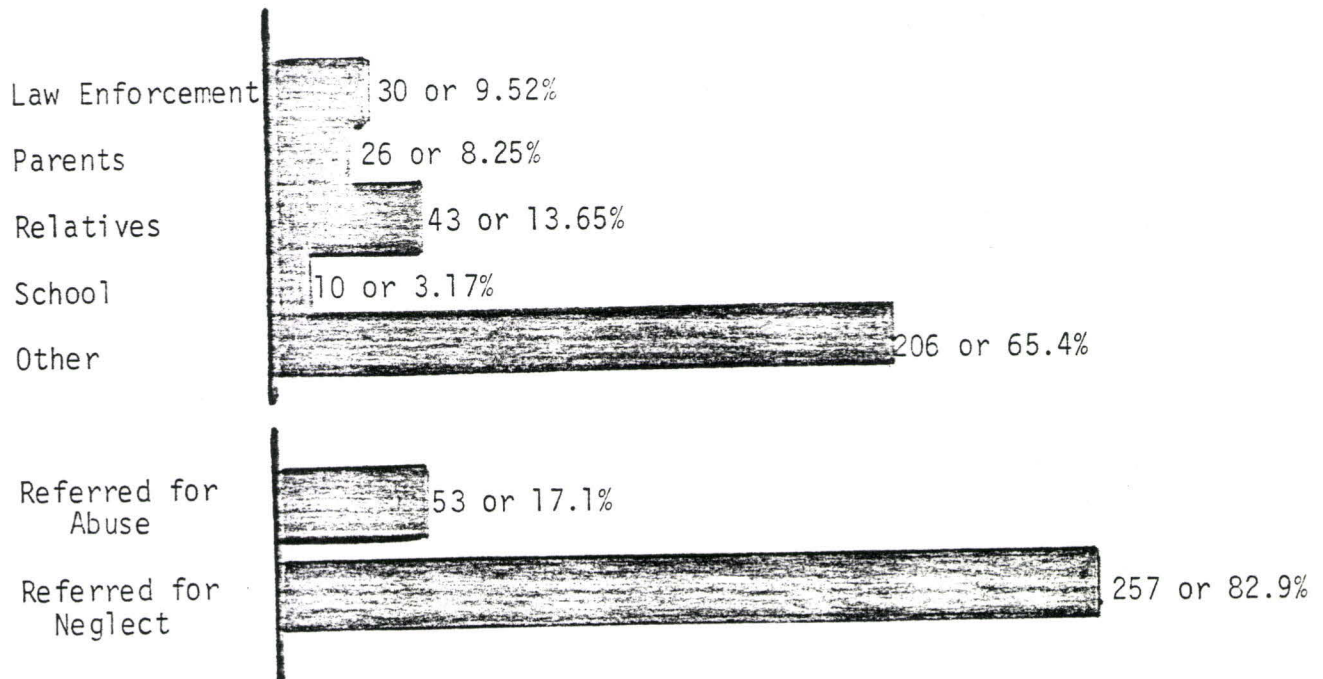
involved in 315 cases referred to the courts for neglect and abuse as reported from this partial data. In relation to race and sex, over 77% were white and about 23% black, while 54% were male and 46% female. White males constituted the highest proportion of the group (41%), followed by white females, black males, and black females. In respect to age, the group of age seven (7) and under represented by far the greatest magnitude, accounting for over 44% of the youth. The other age groups from eight (8) to sixteen (16) encompassed a narrow range of proportions from about 4.5% to 7.8%, with age ten (10) comprising the smallest and age twelve (12) the largest percentages.

Figure 3 provides additional information on the neglect and abuse cases by source of referral and discriminates between those referred for abuse and those for neglect. Of the 315 cases, over 65% were referred from "other" sources, which presumably was DSS in the majority of cases and was frequently so indicated by the county. Therefore, these referral sources are not necessarily an accurate index of the initial abuse and neglect reporting source, but rather reflect the mechanism of referral to court. Of the 310 cases which were detailed by the sub-groups of abuse or neglect, almost 83% were in the latter category.

Those children actually adjudicated neglected or abused from all those referred is reflected in Table X, as well as indications of the dispositions of the adjudications. Of the 449 children referred, 171, or 38.1% were adjudicated. While the proportions by age distributions correspond closely to those of the children referred as seen in Table IX, the distributions by race and sex vary distinctly. Only 65% of those adjudicated were white as opposed to 77% referred, and the male - female ratio is inverted (54 - 46 for referrals and 45 - 55 for adjudications). Therefore, it is apparent that about 12% more black children are adjudicated in comparison to those referred, and 10% more females.

The 152 dispositions recorded indicate that about 43% were referred to DSS while the "other" category, comprised primarily of returning to parents or relatives and placement in foster care, accounted for the remainder.

Figure 3
 NEGLECT AND ABUSE REFERRALS
 TO SOUTH CAROLINA COURTS BY SOURCE
 OF REFERRAL AND REASON FOR REFERRAL*



*Based on case referrals reported on separate forms by 20 counties.

TABLE X

CHILDREN ADJUDICATED NEGLECTED OR ABUSED:
AGE, RACE, AND SEX DISTRIBUTION AND DISPOSITIONS

<u>AGE</u>	<u>W/M</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>W/F</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>B/M</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>B/F</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>%</u>
7 & under	21	47.73	20	30.30	20	60.61	16	57.14	77	45.03
8	1	2.27	5	7.58	2	6.06	1	3.57	9	5.26
9	6	13.64	4	6.06	0	0	3	10.71	13	7.60
10	0	0	4	6.06	1	3.03	1	3.57	6	3.51
11	1	2.27	5	7.58	2	6.06	2	7.14	10	5.85
12	7	15.91	4	6.06	0	0	1	3.57	12	7.02
13	1	2.27	4	6.06	1	3.03	1	3.57	7	4.09
14	2	4.55	6	9.09	2	6.06	2	7.14	12	7.02
15	1	2.27	9	13.63	1	3.03	1	3.57	12	7.02
16	4	9.09	5	7.58	4	12.12	0	0	13	7.60
TOTAL	44	25.73	66	38.60	33	19.30	28	16.37	171*	100.00

Black: 61 or 35.67% Male: 77 or 45.03%
 White: 110 or 64.33% Female: 94 or 54.97%

*Of the 449 children referred, 171 or 38.1% were adjudicated neglected or abused.

DISPOSITIONS OF ADJUDICATIONS/FINAL DISPOSITIONS

Referred to DSS	65	42.76%
Other	87	57.24%
TOTAL	152	100.00%

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The court data presented in this report for FY 1977 provides a considerable base of information in the analyzation of some of the factors concerning juveniles processed through the courts in South Carolina. While there are obvious limitations to some of the data as previously noted, nevertheless, with such a great majority of counties providing essentially sufficient reports, most observations are predicated on a substantially sound base.

As a starting point, it is apparent that juvenile referrals to the court statewide have maintained about the same frequency for both FY 1976 and 1977, even though there have been some variations by individual counties. This is reflected both by numbers (about 17,000 each year) and therefore, of course, by percentage of juvenile population referred (3.34% - 1977, 3.43% - 1976). Furthermore, those particular counties who refer to the court the largest portion of their juvenile population continue to do so. The pattern of referrals by month also is consistent noting that February and March continue to carry the heaviest loads. In addition, law enforcement agencies contribute over one half of all referrals to the courts statewide although a few counties diverge from this norm.

The information relating to distribution by race indicates little variation between FY 1976 and 1977, and, more significantly, is closely in congruence with that of the sub-groups in the juvenile population 7 - 16 at large as well as approximating closely those proportions previously reported of both youth taken into custody by law enforcement agencies and those held in detention.

The sex distributions also have tended to remain constant with a three to one male - female ratio, and also are repetitive of that array exhibited by other components of the Juvenile Justice System.

With regard to age, the trend toward the prevalence of youth in the older age groups continues with a 3% increase for FY 1977 in the 16 year old age group. This may indeed reflect the general decrease of youth in the 7 - 16 age groups in the juvenile population as a whole, also indicated by the constant decline of youth in these age groups taken into custody by law enforcement agencies as the youthful population concentration shifts upward into the 17 - 21 year old age categories.

The offense data also exhibits little variation from that of 1976 with about 25 - 30% of the offenses attributed to status charges. In addition, "truancy" continues its pattern of being the most frequent of the status offenses, as well as "larceny" and "breaking and entering", the most prevalent non-status offenses. When considering the total array of offenses charged, however, it is apparent that while the latter two offenses predominate the total distributions, "truancy" and "ungovernable" exhibit the next two greatest proportions of all offenses, even though by the categories detailed of "serious non-status offenses", "other non-status offenses" and "status offenses", the latter category as a whole represents the lowest proportion.

The information provided in regard to the action taken at intake indicates that about two-thirds of the actions were "petitions for adjudication". The additional data compiled for the sub-groups of status and non-status offenders reflects a considerably higher proportion, or about a three to one ratio, of "petitions for adjudication" in the non-status group, a higher concentration in referrals to "Mental Health", "DSS", and the "Youth Bureau" in the status offender grouping, and a fairly even rate for both groups in the other categories of action taken. Even within the sub-groups themselves, it is noted that "petitions for adjudication" accounted for 76% of action taken for non-status offenders as compared to 54% for status offenders. The Youth Bureau accounted for over 11% of action taken in the status offender grouping.

The disposition and adjudication information reveals distributions closely paralleling those compiled for FY 1976, with "probation" accounting for about 31% of all dispositions, "dismissed", 13%, "R & E", 11%, and "commitment to DYS Institutions", 5%. When examining the sub-groups of status and non-status offenders, it is evident that, statewide, over two-thirds of the dispositions involved non-status offenders. Of the total group, status offenders were more prevalent primarily in dispositions to social agencies. For each sub-group, the proportion of those placed on "probation" was similar as well as those committed to "R & E". However, while "social agencies" accounted for a substantial portion of dispositions in the status sub-group, "DSY commitments", "dismissed", and "fines" were considerably greater in the non-status sub-group.

The issue of recidivism was adequately addressed for the first time in this data compiled for FY 1977 and reflects some salient points which merit attention. Firstly, it is apparent that the recidivist rate for the State approximates 32% of all juveniles referred, even though individual counties exhibited considerable variances. This figure concurs substantially with those proportions of about 25 - 35% in other national studies related to this issue. Secondly, the data regarding race and sex reveals a close conformity in proportions to that of the initial referral group. Within the total group, white males comprised the highest proportion of recidivists, and black females the lowest; within their own sub-groups referred, black males exhibited the highest recidivism rate, and white females, the lowest. This is also consistent with other national findings.

Of more significance is the information relating to prior and current offenses of the recidivists. Of the total group recorded, representing over one-third of those reported by race and sex, and, therefore, a reasonable sampling, over 57% had a prior offense attributable to a non-status charge. Additionally, almost 81% of these youth in that category were currently recidivating on a non-status offense. Similarly, of the 43% who had a history of prior status offense, over 70% had now

recidivated on a status offense. This evidence tends to refute the "escalation theory" promulgated by many practitioners, i.e., that undesirable behavior in youth tends to increase in dangerousness with age, on a continuum from trivial juvenile status offenses to serious delinquent offenses, and strongly supports the findings of several national studies completed in regard to court and police recidivism in which similar conclusions were apparent.

The data base for analyzation of the neglect and abuse cases is somewhat scanty and, therefore, only merits limited interpretation. Primarily, it documents that for this sample group reported, there was a heavy preponderance of white youth (77%), males (54%) and the heaviest concentration was in the seven and under age category (44%). Additionally, it appears that over three-fourths of the cases were referred for neglect, rather than abuse, and the most frequent referral source was DSS. However, it is noteworthy that 38% of the children were actually adjudicated and within that group, the black proportion increased 12% and the female rate increased 10% from those distributions of referrals.

The foregoing analyzation has attempted to provide a discription of the state-wide characteristics of juveniles processed through the courts. It constitutes a further base on which to formulate more intensive evaluation and appropriate planning fundamental not only to facilitate programming with the courts, but as one measure of current knowledge which may advance and serve the entire Juvenile Justice System. With the expectation of more discriminative data bases in the near future, hopefully, increasingly valid interpretations will be possible.

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